

The National *Falcon* News



Billy Warren's 1963 Ranchero
Lockhart, Texas

January 2006

Cover—Billy Warren

Our new Internet Directors, Debbie and James Mason of Pflugerville, Texas are not only busy raising their family and maintaining the FCA website (www.falconclub.com), Debbie also made time to send these photos and a write-up of the Capitol City Regional Meet in Austin, Texas in October of 2005.

Anyone who has been to Austin knows that there are so many good places to eat—it's practically a requirement to eat five or six times a day to experience just a few of them.

One of the "must eat" sites is The County Line Barbecue restaurant in the hills above Austin. The Capitol City Chapter had the capital idea of having the banquet there (all you can eat!)

Debbie captured this cover photo of Billy Warren of Lockhart, Texas pulling in for the evening feed.

See more mouth-watering photos and read her story beginning on page 4 of this issue.

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Ford History: A Falcon Cousin, Ford Granada

The Ford Granada was a famous car manufactured and sold by Ford in Europe. It was sold in all of Europe from 1972 to 1984 and exclusively in Germany from 1985 to 1994. A car with the same name was sold by Ford in North America for period of time.

The North American Ford Granada was introduced by Ford in 1975. Although it bears the same name as the popular European car, the American Ford Granada was an entirely different car. It was introduced together with a luxury trim version called the Mercury Monarch.

The Ford Granada and the Mercury Monarch were based on the design of the Ford Maverick/Mercury Comet pair which was sold by Ford from 1969 to 1977. The two cars were actually aimed to replace the Maverick/Comet pair but ended up being sold alongside them due to continued high sales of the Maverick and Comet.

From 1980, until it was last manufactured in 1982, the Ford Granada nameplate was used to name re-badged Ford Fairmont models. This new generation of the Ford Granada was not as popular as the first generation, leading to its downfall. It was eventually replaced by a downsized Ford LTD, which was also based on the Ford Fairmont.

In its entire production history, the Ford Granada and twin Mercury Monarch were available with four engine options. These include a 3.3 liter 6-cylinder engine, a 4.1 liter 6-cylinder engine, a 5.0 liter V8 engine and a 5.8 liter V8 engine. Horsepower ratings for these engines start from 72 HP for the base to 152 HP for the most powerful ones.

Not that popular in North America, and having been last manufactured in 1982, you

wouldn't expect a lot of Ford Granada parts to be available today. But just as Falcon parts are available today, suppliers stocking quality parts make it possible to keep those Granadas on the road.

Submitted by Bill Hardin of Parts Train,
Supplier of Granada parts

Reprinted from The Arizona Chapter Newsletter,
The Desert Falcon Flyer; Reba Schweitzer, Editor

FORD GRANADA CHOICES



Granada 2-Door Sedan, Light Medium Blue (3F)



Granada 4-Door Sedan, Dark Cordovan Metallic (8N)



Ghia 2-Door Sedan, Midnight Blue Metallic (3L)



Ghia 4-Door Sedan, Silver Metallic (1G)



ESS 2-Door Sedan, Polar White (9D)



ESS 4-Door Sedan, Candyapple Red (2K)



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(210) 287-4498

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Phoenix, AZ
2nd Sat. except June,
July, Aug. at Berge Ford,
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Mesa, AZ
(480) 888-0589

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Louisville, KY
2nd Sat. each month at
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South Carolina
3rd Sun.—monthly
Greer, SC
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Austin, TX
3rd Sat. - monthly 5 PM
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Santa Rosa, CA
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Houston, TX
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Presidents Message

Can you believe it? We are only three months away from the start of the car and swap meet season, five months from the first FCA Regional of the year, and only seven months away from our National Meet in Indianapolis. Will you, your family and your Falcon be ready? January has always been a great month for planning.

After the holiday season we don't have the money or energy for many things. Everyone is concentrating on their New Year's resolutions. In much of the Falcon world, it is too cold to do much on the old Falcons. So why not sit down with a pencil and paper and plan out your Falcon New Year?

Please remember to mark your calendar with your local chapter meetings. The major purpose of chapters is to expand the benefits of the National Club to the local level. Active chapters help the FCA and active chapter members help chapters be active.

Do you plan on attending our Nationals in Indy? It will be something to remember! Get your vacation request in now, and it's not too early to make your hotel arrangements, either. If you can't drive your Falcon to the Nationals, be sure to take advantage of one of the many airline specials out there. Be sure to plan out some sightseeing to and from the show as well as a little extra time in and around Indianapolis. There's much to see and do. Use the registration form in this issue to sign up.

If you are going to take the Falcon to the Nationals then plan out your Falcon To-Do List. What can be done this year? Maybe you only need a few things to get your Falcon road ready or show ready; maybe it needs a total restoration. Make a list of parts, tools and fellow Falcon lovers who can help. Carry the list everywhere you go. Remember the Falcon vendors, most have catalogs—what a great way to spend time looking at all of those parts.

Looking for a Falcon? List all of the possible sources: do you want a specific Falcon, body style, color, etc. Do you want a project or a completed Falcon, a driver or a show car?

Whatever your resolution, develop a plan and set goals. The plan can be as simple as a To-Do List. The goals should be realistic. Nothing is more frustrating than plunging into a project, taking it part way to completion, then coming up short on expertise, cash, parts, information, or tools. Think ahead to the additional tasks that could be done at the same time, tasks that will require an extra set of hands. Consider what you have the time and skill to do and what is best left with the pros. Many times the support of family members and friends will be required.

The Falcon Club is filled with folks who will be happy to assist you with any of your hobby related resolutions, so don't hesitate to call on someone or volunteer your services or talents.

Happy Falconing,

Steve & Carol

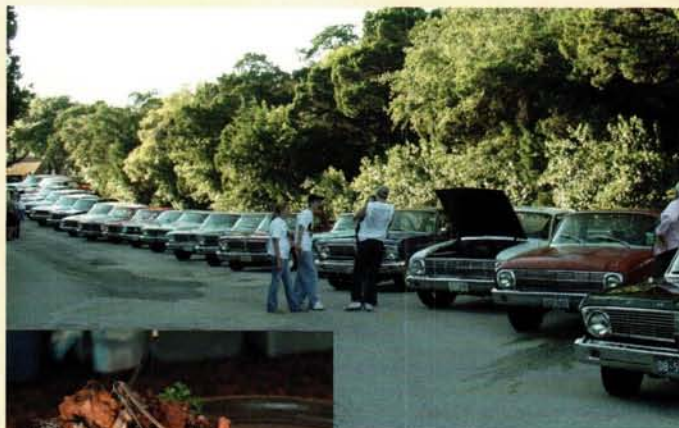
P.S. Attention Chapter Officers: your chapter rosters are due by the end of January. When your chapter was formed the charter members agreed to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the National Club. The requirements to be a chapter are basically to have officers consisting of no less than a President, Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasure, hold at least three meetings per year and send a report of meetings sent to the FCA president. The secretary of each chapter is to submit a list of officers after elections each year and submit a roster once a year in the month of January.

Capital City Regional

Austin, Texas



Photos and story submitted by Debbie Mason



Falcons and folks line up for County Line BBQ...you can see why-YUM!

The Capital City Chapter of the FCA hosted their first Regional on October 7-8, 2005 in Austin, Texas. The event was well attended with 56 Falcons registered. Most members drove or trailered their Falcons from nearby cities and states, but some flew in from as far away as Florida and Connecticut to enjoy the show. A special area was even set up for members to display their Falcon pedal cars.

In addition to the cars on display, members of the Capital City Chapter provided "Tech Tip" presentations throughout the weekend. These seminars included information on how to repair your AM radio, how to pack your Falcon for a trip, how to polish chrome, and how to rebuild a carburetor. The host chapter provided lunch and snacks in the hospitality room on both days and also provided a Chili and Baked Potato dinner when the Friday evening cruise to view the Austin bats emerging from the Congress Avenue bridge was rained out.

A silent auction was held on Saturday afternoon while the votes were counted. Some of the more popular items included a 10 pound Shaquille O'Neal sized Nestle Crunch bar, a rechromed front bumper and a set of rebuilt heads. The kids enjoyed bidding on a Falcon gumball machine and a Bosch Teddy Bear. Two copies of the Falcon Newsletter autographed by Carroll Shelby were also up for auction.

The Saturday night banquet was filled to capacity and 104 people enjoyed the all-you-can eat barbecue dinner at Austin's famous County Line Barbecue. Awards and door prizes were handed out throughout the evening and the 50/50 drawing paid out \$338 at the end of the event.

The Capital City Chapter wants to thank everyone who attended. The show was a great success.



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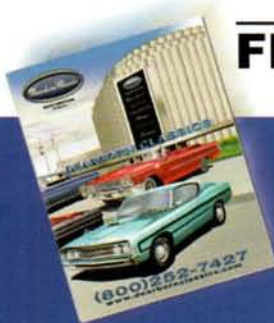
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Capitol City Regional

Austin, Texas



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More Texas Regional Photos



Photos below provided by
Lareina Saindon, Wichita, KS
John's 1964 Sprint at left;
Saindon family shown here



Diamonds In The Rough



If you haven't seen this Falcon in person, you are missing out—it's a beauty. Can you believe he painted it OUTSIDE?



Les' station wagon (above)
matches his shirt!



Frank and Shannon with
their award



Classified Advertising (con't)

Falcons Wanted

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Wanted: 1965, 1963 or 1964 Falcon Sprint or V-8 Futura coupe in good to excellent condition. Would prefer 4 speed, but not required. Please call Melvin Smith, 478 836-2205 or msmith8253@aol.com. GA.

Wanted: 1963 Falcon Sprint 2 dr. hardtop V8 4 speed—at least a #3 condition or better. Howard, 515-964-3625 or Howardpt1@aol.com. Ankeny, IA.

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Wanted: a console lid and lock for a 1963 Falcon Futura convertible. Howard, 515-964-3625 or Howardpt1@aol.com. Ankeny, IA.

Wanted: original complete air cleaner for the 1963 Futura 260 v8 engine. Contact Jim Saltis at saltisyoshi@adelphia.net. CA.

Wanted for 1961 Falcon 4 door sedan. Right rear lower door panel retainer trim, chrome. Please contact Phil or Claudia Pitko at 269 665-4385 after 4 PM or 269-369-7217 and leave message. MI.

1963 Falcon Deluxe 2 door wagon parts. They must be in excellent condition either NOS or used: front bumper, grille, h/l doors, parklamp/signal assemblies, hood chrome, side trim, bucket seats, power tailgate window parts, etc. Keith Litteken 11394 Revere Ln. St. Louis Mo. 63128-1416. 314-351-1789 or kslitteken@aol.com.

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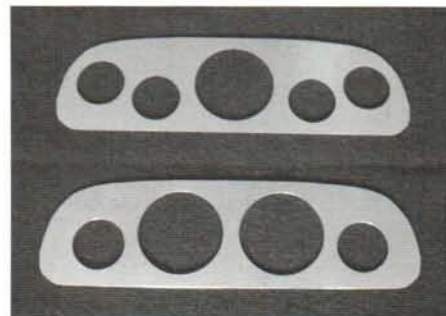
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Feature Falcon Family

This Falcon family started out quite by accident. In the summer of 1987, I went to Tulsa, Oklahoma with a friend, to help him bring back to Indianapolis a 1960 Ford Falcon Ranchero that he was interested in buying. I was not even sure I knew what a 1960 Ranchero was. To make a long story short, I ended up buying it.

Since then, I have restored it back to the original condition (even keeping the vacuum wipers). It still has the original 144 cu. in. 6 cylinder three on the tree. To this day, the engine hasn't been overhauled. We just won't talk about that puff of blue smoke I see sometimes.

After a trip to the National Falcon Convention in Nashville in 2002, my son-in-law, Tim, got hooked on Falcons. He found a 1965 wagon he liked. The block was cracked, but with a quick engine change, he was rolling. It has a 200 cu. in. automatic with some cancer, but on Saturday nights you can find him and his three sons at the local cruise night.

Then, my wife Charlene was wanting to find her first car. For her graduation in 1967, her Dad bought her a 1963 Mercury Comet convertible, robins egg blue, with white interior. Not being able to find one quite like that one she was more than happy to purchase a red S-22, white top, black/white interior with a 260 V-8 automatic.

Some people say a Comet is an upgrade Falcon, some don't. But it is in this Falcon family anyway.

Then there is Rhonda, my stepdaughter. I think she felt left out so she found a real sharp white 1964 convertible Falcon Futura, 170, 6 cylinder, three on the tree. She wants to pull out the 170 and put in a V-8, four on the floor. I've told her to leave it the way it is but—do you think she listens to me: NOT!

Charlene and I have 5 grandchildren and they all seem to love our Falcons. So hopefully, we can keep this "Falcon Family" going indefinitely.

Submitted by Larry Bensheimer
Greenwood, Indiana



Charlene's Mercury Comet S-22 convertible



Larry's 1960 all-original Ranchero, the beginning of The Falcon Family



Tim's 1965 Falcon station wagon, perfect for cruise nights



Rhonda's 1964 Falcon Futura convertible



Some of the grandkids, the next generation of Larry and Charlene's Falcon Family, posing by the old fashioned gas pumps. Maybe this spot will be included as a destination for next year's National Meet in Indianapolis!



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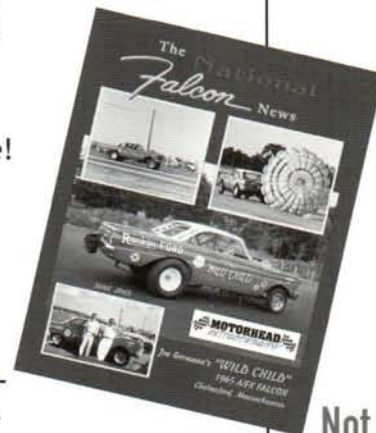
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OHIO VALLEY MINI MEET

On Saturday October 1, 2005 the Ohio Valley Chapter of the Falcon Club of America, (www.ovcfca.com) held it's first ever Falcon show, in conjunction with the 30th Annual Pumpkin Run Nationals. The Pumpkin Run Nationals host club, The Fastiques (www.pumpkinrunnationals.com), was kind enough to provide us with space at their event to have our Falcon Mini Meet—a show within a show, if you will. Twenty one cars showed up on Saturday. Nineteen of these little beauties arrived in time for participant judging and door prizes.

We designed our own trophies and our friends at Die Craft Engineering donated their time and materials to water jet cut them from stainless steel. All of the recipients were very pleased with these unique awards.

Bubble hooded modified, daily drivers and bone stockers, they were all there, a true variety for the actual number of cars in the show. We even had a couple of bracket racing Falcons show up on Sunday fresh from the previous day's eliminations!



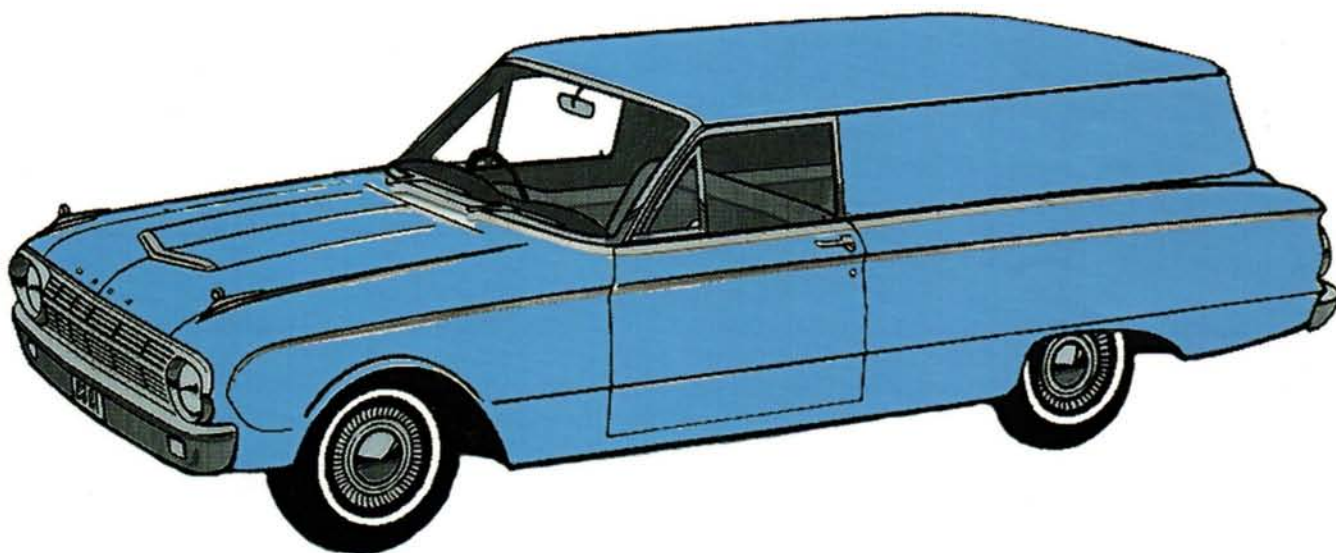
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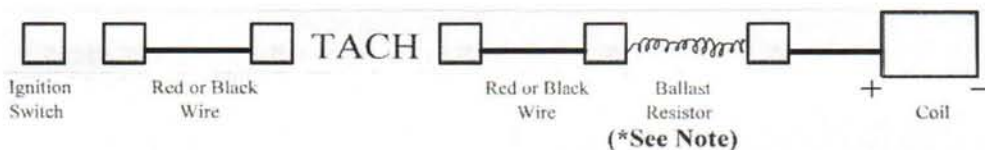
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Run red or black wire from ignition switch to one input of tachometer. Come off tach with other lead (red or black) to one side of a ballast resistor (or factory calibrated resistance wire). Some Ford coils came with an internal ballast resistance.

Please examine the coil label to see if the unit requires an "external" resistance or the coil already has it internally. *If coil has internal resistance do not run ballast resistor or resistance wire from tach to + side of coil, use plain stranded wire. Final wire termination to coil is the (+) plus side of coil not the (-) or low side. Hooking a Faria tach to the (-) side of the coil will fry the tach's internal electronics. Faria (FoMoCo) tachs are called "series tachometers" because they are in series with the 12 volts to the (+) side of the coil. Ford ballast resistors are available at most auto parts stores.

DO'S AND DON'T'S

DO use a ballast resistor or factory calibrated resistance wire if the ignition coil has no internal resistance and calls for an external resistor to be used.

DO hookup tach to (+) side of coil after following the above instructions.

DO NOT run the car radio with ignition switch on and motor not running as this can cause tach electronics to fry if "points" are in closed mode.

DO NOT run tach without ballast resistance as motor will start to skip and pop and tach will overheat and burn up.

<http://www.tachman.com/fordhkp.htm>

Wheel Bearing Rumble

If you are hearing wheel bearing rumble and have cleaned and checked the wheel bearing and all looks well, follow your instincts. Bearing rumble can be very elusive. Wheel bearing inspection is usually performed like this: Wipe the cones in the hub or drum off carefully and inspect for nicks or roughness in the metal. Clean the race and roller assembly and check the rollers carefully for the same type of nicks or roughness. About 95 percent of the time this inspection procedure will uncover the problem, but not always. If you were to take a bearing race that showed even a few nicks on the rollers and cut the roller cage to release the rollers, you would most likely find that the inner race surface appears to be in much worse shape than the rollers or the cone.

Because of its relatively small surface area, the inner race takes the most beating and can be pitted badly enough to cause noise, even though everything else looks okay. Inspecting the inner race is a bit difficult, but if it's cleaned very well, it can be done to satisfaction. If you hold the bearing by the retainer, you can peer down between the rollers and view that inner surface. Shining a flashlight beam at an angle to reflect off the inner race will help greatly. Once you see the inner surface, you can rotate the inner race while holding the retainer steady and check all

360 degrees of the race. Check all wheel bearings in this manner, and you may discover wheel bearings in the process of failing that would otherwise have gone unnoticed for a while!

To pack these bearings with grease, you may use a bearing packer which uses grease supplied from a hand grease gun that can be bought at most auto parts stores. But if you are only doing a couple of bearings the "greased palm" method works just as well or better. Just take a good two or three-finger load of grease with your right hand (if you are right-handed) and plop it onto your left palm. Grab the bearing through the center and press it into the palm in such a way that it drives the grease up between the rollers. After doing this four or five times, you will see the grease extruding up through the top of the bearing and between the rollers. Then rotate the assembly and fill the next set of rollers. Then spread the grease around the wheel bearing to cover the tops of any exposed bearings.

It's a pretty neat process, and you know the bearing is full when you are done, especially when you consider that you would get your hands greasy even if you used the packer.

Submitted by Paul Long

Reprinted from the Arizona Chapter Newsletter,
Reba Schweitzer, Editor

Car Humor

Surprise Me

Dawson and his wife, Jennifer had been debating about buying a vehicle for weeks. He wanted a truck. She wanted a fast little sports-like car so she could zip through traffic in town. He would probably have settled on any old beat-up truck, especially a Falcon Ranchero, but everything she liked was out of their price range.

Finally she said, "Look, I want something that goes from 0 to 200 in just a few seconds. Nothing else will do. My birthday is coming up, so surprise me."

Dawson did just that. For her birthday, he bought her a brand new bathroom scale.

Nobody has seen or heard from him since...

Submitted by Marina Shudic

Alternative Transportation

A teenager had just passed his driver's test and asked his father, a minister, if he could use the family car. His father answered, "Yes, you may—if you study your Bible, work hard in school and get your hair cut."

A month later, the son asked again if he could use the family car. His father said, "I'm very proud of you. You've been studying the Bible and your grades have improved. Just one thing—you still haven't gotten your hair cut."

The boy responded, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair and so did Moses, Noah and Jesus."

"That's certainly true," the minister said, smiling. "and they walked everywhere!"

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OHIO VALLEY MINI MEET

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Even at a three-day show like The Pumpkin Run, with over 3000 cars in attendance a row of Falcons twenty-one cars strong makes quite an impression. One onlooker was heard to exclaim "I haven't seen this many Falcons in one place since the sixties!"

Some of the participants drove quite a few miles to make it to our event. Our friends from Kentucky probably drove the farthest. The Bluegrass Chapter was well represented, with five cars in the show. We also had cars from Columbus, Xenia, Dayton and the surrounding tri-state area. Throughout the weekend we answered questions about The Falcon Club of America and our local chapter. We added a couple of members and several good prospects for the national club.

All in all, putting on our first show was a very exciting and satisfying endeavor. We made a lot of new friends, got together with some old ones. We of the OVCFCA managed to donate some money to The Shrine Hospitals for Children. The Fastiques have donated over \$350,000 to this great organization. We saw some really cool Falcons and surprised ourselves with what we could accomplish as a group. A special thanks to all that attended, and to Ronda Corbin, for all the great pictures. This is what being in a club is all about.

Next year we want to have at least fifty cars at our little show. So mark your calendars now and come on out to help us reach that goal! Stay in touch on the web at www.ovcfca.com or find out a little more about our host's and their show at www.pumpkinrunnationals.com.

We hope to see you all next year!

Submitted by John Howard
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